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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 6, 1912.

PRICE THREE CENTS

New Soda Fountain

Best soda and other drinks made fresh every day, all drinks, also grape juice and coca cola 5c. Pure ice cream and crushed fruit and other fruit, cakes and cigars, and all kinds of candies and roasted peanuts. We claim them to be pure and fresh. Come and try us.

MIDDLETOWN CANDY KITCHEN
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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

4TH OF JULY ORDINANCE

At a meeting of Town Council, held on Wednesday evening, June 4th, an Ordinance was passed prohibiting the firing of all large firecrackers, or sending up balloons, etc., within the Town Limits on July 4th or at any other time.

By order of
TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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Corn, bunions, ingrowing nails or any ailment of the feet antiseptically and painlessly treated by graduate chiropodist. Also Shampooing, coining and Scalp Treatment. Hair Combing made up in the latest style.

HIGH STREET.

ODESSA, DEL.

ESTATE OF Alexander Maxwell deceased notice is hereby given that Letter-Testamentary upon the Estate of Alexander Maxwell late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto James B. Messick on the 24th day of June A. D. 1912 and all persons interested in the deceased are requested to make payment to the Executor without delay and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Executor on or before the 24th day of June A. D. 1913, or abide by the law in this behalf.

JAMES B. MESSICK, Executor
Address Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney
Law Middletown, Del.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

DELAWARE

John Wallace lacerated his left arm in falling from his carriage in Wilmington.

R. H. Davis and S. J. Messick, of Frankford, have been elected to Council in that town.

A Milton canning factory has sold its entire pack in less than a week after opening.

Postmaster Ebe T. Lynch, of Lewes, has appointed Miss Tabitha Kearney his assistant.

Dr. Joseph Carrow and Frank Davis have been elected members of the Odessa School Board.

Captains of fishing steamers report plenty of fish, but find them very wild and hard to catch.

Nearly drowned in his first dive, John T. Toman was rescued at New Castle by John McCaffrey.

A new disease is attacking the water-melon vines in Sussex county and a depleted crop is feared.

The Milford Board of Education has paid all its floating indebtedness and has \$100 in the sinking fund.

James Johnson, colored, was stabbed several times by Edith Cole, in a quarrel in their Wilmington home.

A load of buckshot frightened robbers away who were trying to enter the home of T. J. Pyle at Georgetown.

Ladies of the Bridgeville, W. C. T. U., have erected two cement drinking fountains in different parts of Bridgeville.

Horace S. Allen, member of a brick making company at Esmere fell into the machinery and badly injured an arm.

Dr. C. R. Layton lost a valuable cow Saturday when it strayed out of its pasture at Georgetown and ate Paris green.

Dr. Norman T. Kirk, of Riing Sun, has been appointed first Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army.

Sixteen members of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. have started their annual encampment near Town Point, along Elk River.

The official members of the churches of the Concord Circuit have decided to hold their annual encampment beginning Aug. 2 and continuing 10 days.

For drawing a revolver on Deputy Sheriff Miller, Justice Joshua M. Ash, of Elton, fined Mrs. Hattie Reynolds, of Chesapeake City, \$10.

Kermit Roosevelt, son of former President Roosevelt, is the guest of J. Rush Street, of Jarrettsville, where he is receiving lessons in fox training.

George Jackson, colored, was fined \$10 and costs in the Wilmington City Court for an assault upon a white boy who refused to play with him.

Ex Speaker Joseph Cannon and Congressman Mann Republican House leader are cruising around the Breakwater this week in the revenue cutter Onondaga.

At the annual school election in Georgetown Saturday R. G. Houston and Dr. O. D. Robinson were re-elected and G. Roland Messick was made a new member.

Mrs. Edward Harris, of Philadelphia, while in New Castle, turned an ankle while stepping from an automobile and fell, spraining the ankle and breaking the wrist.

A 30-minute schedule will be substituted for the day half-hour runs between New Castle and Wilmington by the Wilmington & Southern Traction Company, beginning Sunday.

The contest for the position of teacher of the Franklin School at State Road has been closed with the re-election of Miss Madeline Denning by popular vote of the residents of the school district.

The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detache the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

The \$100,000 Wilmington bonds recently sold to a New York broker have been signed by Mayor Howell and City Treasurer Lednum, and the money delivered to the city for street improvements.

Pleading guilty in the United States Court in Wilmington to selling intoxicating liquors without paying a Government tax Charles Hood, colored, was fined \$100 and sent to the workhouse for six months.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Know your brood sows.

Clean the poultry house.

Chickens like sunflower seeds.

Kerosene emulsion is easily made.

A horse that is trained with out blinds, is usually the safer horse.

Young pigs are peculiarly subjected to various kinds of intestinal worms.

It is better to have a dirty floor than a dirty, dusty atmosphere during milking time.

The bull which is closely housed is apt to become ugly. Give him plenty of exercise.

Leave a horse untied when hooked to a vehicle and he will be likely to go when you return for him.

Fine gravel is not the proper grit for poultry. They want a sharp material with which to grind their food.

Expert orchardists recommend seeding the orchard to crimson clover—or ryegrass to be plowed down the following spring.

In localities where aster, goldenrod and other fall blooms abound it is well to look for sprouts even in September.

An hour's work with a sharp wire at the foot of your peach trees killing borers may mean an extra bushel of fine peaches.

A tree can be bridge grafted in less than half an hour, and it is better to take this time to do it to let a valuable tree live.

Go over the young apple trees and cut off every water sprout with a sharp knife close to the trunk. Do it early and they will heal this season.

To do well the cows should be turned free something like six weeks before freshening. This is good for the calf, rests the cow and develops the udder.

Give the chickens grit.

Kill the peach borers.

Don't overfeed the young chicks.

Alfalfa makes an excellent roughage.

The rent in the clothes will not pay the rent on the farm.

Include the hen houses in your spring house cleaning.

The true dairy cow is easily affected by unfavorable conditions.

Do not make too violent crosses. Select the cow and stick to it.

The Babcock test is just as accurate as the man who uses it.

The lime sulphur mixture is a good remedy for the oyster shell scale.

Don't keep eggs for hatching longer than ten days or two weeks at most.

Milk at 90 degrees is about the temperature at which it separates best.

Oats should form the basis of all grain mixtures for fattening poultry.

Get the silex fever yet? It's spreading over the country in great shape.

If rabbits have gnawed only the outer bark wrap the wound with cloth.

Barley and oats, as well as wheat, are usually improved in quality on flat land.

Working the soil when it is wet will make it coarse and lumpy the whole season.

As soon as your lettuce is large enough feed it to those chickens you are fattening.

There is no better way by which the corn crop can be used than through the silex.

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Building
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We keep in stock at all times a full supply of Building Material, such as Georgia Heart and North Carolina Pine Framing, also Georgia Heart and North Carolina Kiln Dried Flooring, Ceiling and Partition, best in the World and No. 1 Florida Heart Cypress Shingles and the famous Waccamaw Cedar Shingles, Ruberoid, Galvanite and Paroid Felt Roofing. Galvanized Iron Roofing and Builders' Hardware, Sash, Doors, Mouldings, Blinds, Bricks, Hair, Lime and Cement.

THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION
The Chicago Convention, though not wanting in political strenuousness, was after all rather a quiet Sunday School picnic compared with that of our Democratic friends at Baltimore, where, according to the press dispatches, "a free for all mix-up" occurred on the closing day of the convention, in which a dozen or so men were "upon the floor" at one time, not in a parliamentary, but in a literal sense, pummeling each other as vigorously as though the fate of the Nation depended upon the outcome of their lively fistfights!

Yet after all, that long and turbulent session was a great occasion and made some right notable history. Not a few sons of Anak were to be seen in vigorous action upon that stirring field. But high above them all towered the gigantesque figure of William Jennings Bryan—the American Warwick whose mere ipse dixit could make or unmake something vastly greater than English Kings, to-wit, American president.

His utter domination of that vast body of strong men, by the power of his superb oratory, by his political sagacity and his personal courage—domination that swayed their conflicting purposes to his own will and that too, despite a highly organized and powerful political machinery—was one of the finest spectacles ever held in any Convention. Indeed, so totally did he overpeer even his tallest contemporaries there, that one is almost tempted to think of him as possessing the fable-stature of 120 feet that the Talmudists ascribed to Adam!

TORIES EATING CROW

It is amusing to watch the editorial grimaces of the reactionary Democratic newspapers the country over at being compelled to swallow this unwelcome dish of Progressive Wilson crow!

No fleer, no jeer, no sneer at Governor Wilson was too unfair or too brutal for these Trust loving tory organs, and now alas! thanks to that giant magician Bryan—whom these same tory organs hate as cordially as they do Wilson himself—he, their jest and their scorn is set in the very forefront of Democracy's battle, their honored standard bearer! But oh! what a dish of crow!

Our wise City Dads scored an other point in securing for the town the quietest 4th it has had for many a long day. It was their new ordinance that "turned the neat trick!" It gratifies THE TRANSCRIPT to have so often just occasion to sing their praises. When they enforce their paving notices upon the chronic, old pavements so long eyesores to our town, and give Middletown something of the smooth, level sidewalks found in other towns and even in small villages, about us, we will send up a long and loud "Banzai" on their behalf.

MORE TAIL THAN DOG
The Every Evening, whose comments upon the Democratic presidential nominee, Governor Wilson, have for months been caustic enough, after a diverting wriggle to crawlish decorously and yet not damn him with faint praise, sums up its Wilson-Marshall ticket as a rather poor dog, but with a very superior tail. And yet for the life of us we can't quite see how these caudal virtues will be able to save the presidential canine! If it were a case of a flying squirrel, now, the tail might play an important part in steering the other end—but it's a dog!

PORT PENN

Miss Margaret Kelly, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Ziehes. Mrs. H. M. Faunes is here this week. Miss Clara Snyder, of Philadelphia.

George Webb and wife entertained last week their son, Elwood and wife, of Ridley Park.

Elwood Denny and wife are entertaining their sister, Miss Margaret Denny, of Middletown.

Mrs. Reba Willey and daughter, Mrs. George Isaacs have returned to their home in Lewes and Georgetown, after spending a week with Mrs. Willey's brother, Cornelius Conard.

Richard Yearsley and wife had as their guests on Sunday, James Cannon, wife and son, Clem Cannon and wife, of St. George.

"This store will close during July and August at Six o'clock, except on Saturdays."

J. B. MESSICK.

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NOTICE TO OPERATORS

MOTOR VEHICLES

All motor vehicles—cars or standing upon the streets of the town of Middletown, Delaware, shall from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, show at least one white light visible not less than two hundred feet toward the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding and one red light shall be shown visible.

By order of
TOWN COMMISSIONERS
Middletown, Delaware, July 3, 1912.

FIRE INSURANCE

Town Property, Farm Buildings,
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Insure now against damage from
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Notice—Dividend

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, NATIONAL BANK,
Odeessa, Del., July 3d, 1912.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE and ONE-HALF PER CENT, clear of taxes. Payable on and after the 10th instant.

JOS. G. BROWN, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETON,
MIDDLETOWN, Del., June 29th, 1912.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT for the last six months, payable on and after Monday, July 1st, 1912.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
Middletown, Delaware, July 2d, 1912.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after July 15, 1912.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

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1912

For Receiver of Taxes and County
Treasurer

Robert M. Burns

Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary.



The Telephone is An Extra Clerk

Suppose you could hire another clerk who would be head-salesman, order clerk, and messenger boy all in one. Would you, if you could get him for a tenth of the profit you could teach him to make for you? Of course you would!

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E. P. BARDO, Manager,
Wilmington, Del.



OUR SUMMER Clearance Sale

SUMMER Bargains offered in the Fall and Winter are of little use. Fogel & Burstan have the better practice of giving Bargains to their patrons in the heart of the season, at the time they can be used.

So, following our annual custom, we are going through our entire Summer Stock selecting articles of every kind for the season's use and placing them upon one BIG BARGAIN COUNTER, thus giving our customers the advantage NOW of Summer Goods at lower figures! We make this "After July Clearance Sale" a notable affair every year, and this year will surpass any previous year. Examine the List below:

MILLINERY

Once more our maximum, "No Goods Over the Season!" So we will sell every hat in our store regardless of cost! \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Hats, now \$1.98. Hats of different prices, up to \$10.00—\$3.00. Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons of all kinds and Fancy Ornaments—all reduced to one-half!

Dresses and Linen Suits

All our \$1.50 Dresses, Percale, Gingham and Lawn, now 98c. Dresses \$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$1.98. Dresses once \$5.00 and \$6.00, now \$3.50. Linen Coat Suits \$7.00 and \$8.00 of heavy Linen, now \$4.98. Linen and Linene Suits that were \$4.00 and \$5.00, now \$2.00.

Wash Skirts

Linen Skirts, 98c. Pique Skirts, \$1.25. Pure Linen Skirts, \$1.98. Shirt Waists, 20 different styles, in various trimmings, low and high neck, short and long sleeves, open front and back—Former Prices \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00, now 99c.

Special Dry Goods

Special Reductions also in all sorts of Dry Goods. These are Famous Reductions of 33, 50 and over 60 per cent! This means, of course, some goods will be sold for much less than cost. That's why we call this, "After 4th Clearance Sale" a Famous One.

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We have just opened up a lot of new dishes in plain white or decorated. Also, a lot of new Porch Rockers, Door Mats, Linoleum, Oil Cloth, Window Shades, etc.

We are sole agents for Dust'ry for Floors, Carpets, Rugs. Sweep without dust. A scientific preparation lays dust and kills germs. It does the work. Brightens carpets and rugs like new. Floors always neat and clean. Try it.

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The Lady of the Mount

by FREDERIC S. ISHAM
AUTHOR OF "THE STROLLERS," "UNDER THE ROSE," ETC.
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CHAPTER I.

A Chance Encounter.

"Don't you know, boy, you ought not to get in my way?"

The tide was at its ebb; the boats stranded afar, and the lad addressed had stopped, with a smile—brought in one hand to walk on shore, when, passing into the shadow of the rampart of the Governor's Mount, from the opposite direction a white horse swung suddenly around a corner of the stone masonry and bore directly upon him. He had but time to step aside; as it was, the animal grazed his shoulder, and the boy, about to give utterance to a natural remonstrance, lifted his eyes to the offender. The words were not forthcoming; surprised, he gazed at a tiny girl, of about eleven, perched fair-like upon the back of the heavy steed.

"Don't you know you ought not to get in my way?" she repeated impudently.

The boy, tall, dark, unkempt as a young savage, shifted awkwardly; his black eyes, restless enough ordinarily, expressed a sudden shyness in the presence of this unexpected and dainty creature.

"I—didn't see you," he half stammered.

"Well, you should have!" And again the little lady frowned, shook her disheveled curly hair disapprovingly and gazed at him, a look of censure in her brown eyes. "But perhaps you don't know who I am," she went on with a lift of the patrician doll-like features. "I don't think you do, or you wouldn't stand there like a booby, without taking off your hat." More embarrassed, he removed a worn cap while she continued to regard him with the reverse of approval. "I am the Comtesse de Bello," she observed; "the daughter of the Governor of the Mount."

"Oh!" said the boy, and his glance shifted to the most important and instant feature of the landscape.

Carrying its clustered burden of houses and palaces, a great rock reared itself from the monotony of the bare and blinding sands. Now an oasis in the desert, the night was over he knew the in-rushing waters would convert it into an island; claim it for the sea! A strange kingdom, yet a mighty one, it belonged alternately to the land and to the ocean. With the sky, however, it enjoyed perpetual illumination, for the heavens were ever winking it; now winding pretty ribbons of light about its air-drawn castles; then kissing it with the tender, soft red glow of celestial fervor.

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"There!" he said, and specifically indicated a dark fringe, like a cloud on the lowlands.

"In the woods! How odd!" She looked at him with faint interest. "And don't the bears bother you? Once when I wanted to see what the woods were like, my nurse told me they were filled with terrible bears who would eat up little girls. I don't have a nurse any more," irrelevantly, "only a governess who came from the court of Versailles, and Beppo. Do you know Beppo?"

"No."

"I don't like him," she confided. "He is always listening. But why do you live in the woods?"

"Because!" The reason failed him.

"And didn't you ever live anywhere else?"

A shadow crossed the dark young face. "Once," he said.

"I suppose the bears know you," she speculated. "And that is the reason they let you alone. Or, perhaps, they are like the wolf in the fairytale. Did you ever hear of the kind-hearted wolf?"

He shook his head.

"My nurse used to tell it to me. Well, once there was a boy who was an orphan and everybody hated him. So he went to live in the forest and there he met a wolf. 'Where are you going, little boy?' said the wolf. 'Nowhere,' said the boy; 'I have no home.' 'No home!' said the kind-hearted wolf; 'then come with me, and you shall have my cave.' Isn't that a nice story?"

He looked at her in a pensive manner. "I don't know," he began, when she tossed her head.

"What a stupid boy!" she exclaimed severely. A moment she studied him tentatively through her curly hair, from the vantage point of her elevated seat. "That's a big fish," she remarked, after a pause.

"Do you want it?" he asked quickly, his face brightening.

"You can give it to Beppo when he comes," she said, drawing herself up loftily. "He'll be here soon. I've run away from him!" A sudden smile replaced her brief assumption of dignity. "I'm so angry! He's fat and fat and fat!" she yested. "But I'm not so fat!"

Her glance grew more severe. "Most people speak to me as 'my lady.' You seem to have forgotten. Or perhaps you have been listening to some of those silly people who talk about everybody being born equal. I've heard my father, the governor, speak of them and how he has put some of them in his dungeons. You'd better not talk that way, or he may shut you up in some terrible dark hole beneath the castle."

ready conquered, twice in twenty-four hours rose to beat heavily on this dark promontory, and, in the angry hiss of the waters, was a reminder of a persistent purpose. Here and there, through the ages, had the shoreline of the bay, as well as the neighboring curvatures of the coast, yielded to the assaults of the sea. The Mount alone,olidly indifferent to blandishment or attack, maintained an unyielding aspect.

For centuries a monastery and fort of the monks, at the time of Louis XVI., the Mount had become a stronghold of the government, strongly ruled by one of its most inexorable nobles. Since his appointment many years before to the post, the lord, the governor of the rock, had ever been regarded as a man who conceded nothing to the people and pursued only the set tenure of his way. During the long period of his reign he committed but one indiscretion; generally regarded as a man confirmed in apathy for the gentler sex, he suddenly, when already past middle age, wedded. Speculation concerning a step son unlooked for was naturally

as "brat," "pauper," or by terms even more forcible. Thus set upon, frequently he fought; but like young wolves, hunting in packs, they worried him until clearly led to his undoing: one morning he was found stabbed in the back, on the beach at the foot of the Mount.

Carried home, he resisted how he had been set upon by a band of miscreants, which later, coming to the governor's ears, led to an attempt to locate the assailants among the



"I Don't Remember."

rocks rises to the northwest, haunted

of privateersmen, robbers and those

reformers who already were begin-

ning to undermine the peace of Louis

XVI.'s northern provinces. In

the pursuit of these gentry, the go-

vernor showed himself in earnest. Per-

haps his own sorrow at the rather sud-

den death of his lady, occurring about

this time, and leaving him, a morose

widower, with a child, a little girl,

led him to more relentless activities;

perhaps the character of the crime—a

noble stabbed!—incensed him. Cer-

tainly he revenged himself to the full;

not only raked the rocks for runa-

ges, but dragged peasants, inclined

to sullenness, from their huts; cap-

ped some in dungeons and hanged the

rest. In the popular mind his name

became synonymous with cruelty, but,

on his high throne, he continued to

exercise his autocratic prerogative

and cared not what the people

thought.

Meanwhile, the Seigneur Desaurac,

recovering, became a prey to greater

restlessness; no sooner was he able

to get about than, accompanied by a

faithful servant, Sanchez, he left the

neighborhood, and, for a number of

years, led a migratory existence in

continental capitals. The revolt of

the colonies in America and the news

of the contemplated departure of the

brave Lafayette for the seat of hos-

tilities, offered, at least, a pretext to

break the fetters of a purposeless life.

At once he placed his sword at

Lafayette's disposal, and packed him

self and servitor—a fellow of dog-

like fidelity—across the ocean. There,

at the seat of war's alarms, in the

great conflict waged in the name of

liberty, he met a soldier's end, far

from the field of his ancestors.

Sanchez, the man, buried him, and,

having dutifully performed this last

task, walked away from the grave

and out of the army.

During this while the son by the

peasant woman, invited to an old

fishwife who had been allowed to

use a patch of his father's lands,

received scanty care and attention,

even when the stipulated fees for his

maintenance had continued to come;

but when, at the Seigneur's death,

they ceased, any slight solicitude on

the caretaker's part soured to acrimony.

An offspring of dubious parentage,

she begged him his bread; kept him from her own precious

brood, and taught them to address him

as "brat," "pauper," or by terms even

more forcible. Thus set upon, fre-

quently he fought; but like young

wolves, hunting in packs, they wor-

ried him to the earth, and, when he

continued to struggle, beat him to un-

consciousness, if not submission.

One day, after such an experience

at the hands of those who had par-

taken of the Seigneur's liberality,

the boy, all bruised and aching, fled

to the woods, and, with the instinct of

an animal to hide, buried himself in

the deepest recesses. Night came; en-

compassed by strange sounds, un-

known terrors, and lying there, looked

out across the distance toward the

scattered habitations, visible through

the gloom. One tiny yellow dot of

light which he located held his

gaze. Should he return? That

small stone hut, squalid as it was,

had been his only remembered home.

But the thought of the reception it

awaited him there, his heart

at the time of his coming out, seemed

to lead him to his resolution, and,

with his face yet turned toward the

low long strip of land, sprinkled with

the faint, receding points of light, he

fell asleep.

The earliest shafts of morn, how-

ever, awaking him, sent him quickly

back into the dark forest, where all

day he kept to the most shadowy

creams and covers, fearing he should

be followed, and, perhaps, captured.

But the second night was like the

first, the next like the second, and the

days continued to pass with no signs

of pursuit. Pinched by hunger, cer-

tain of the berries and roots he ate

poisoned him, until in time he profited

by his sufferings and learned to dis-

criminate in his choice of the frug

al fare about him. Not that his appe-

te was ever satisfied, even when he

extended his explorations to the

beach at night, digging in the sand

with his fingers for cockles, or prow-

ing about the rocks for mussels.

Yet, despite all, he hugged to his

breast a compensating sense of lib-

erty, a sense of the right to be free,

desirable to the stripes and tan-

glashes of the old life; and, if now